

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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May 4, 2005

File No.: C.03-09-001

Hon. Joseph Centeno
Fifth District Supervisor
County of Santa Barbara
511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Suite 141
Santa Maria, CA 93455-1341

Dear Supervisor Centeno:

Re: Casmite Water System
Our Proceeding No. C03-09-001

Thank you for your letter of April 18, 2005, and your efforts to secure a settlement of the water issues concerning Casmite and the Casmalia community.

Commissioner Brown and I have discussed your letter, and we have jointly issued the enclosed ruling postponing, until June 3rd, the issuance of my proposed decision to enable you to continue your settlement efforts.

We again thank you for your efforts to achieve a satisfactory solution for all involved.

Sincerely,

/s/ JOHN E. THORSON
John E. Thorson
Administrative Law Judge

Enclosure: Joint Assigned Commissioner and Assigned ALJ Ruling

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cc: Service list, C03-09-001

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Casmalia Community Services District,

Complainant,

vs.

Unocal Corporation, also known as Casmite
Water System,

Defendant.

Case 03-09-001
(Filed September 2, 2003)

In the Matter of the Application of The Casmite
Corporation for a Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Public
Utility Water System Near Casmalia in the
County of Santa Barbara and to Establish Rates
for Service.

Application 03-12-024
(Filed December 22, 2003)

**JOINT ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER AND
ASSIGNED ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RULING**

The undersigned assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) has prepared the proposed decision on the merits in this proceeding. The assigned ALJ also has received a letter (Attachment A) from Hon. Joseph Centeno, Fifth District Supervisor, Santa Barbara County, in which county the Casmite Water System is located. The letter indicates that Supervisor Centeno is taking an active role facilitating a possible settlement among the parties. The Assigned Commissioner

is also aware and supportive of Supervisor Centeno's role. The Assigned Commissioner and assigned ALJ agree that a 30-day continuance on the release of the proposed decision may assist settlement discussions.

Accordingly, **it is RULED** that the assigned Administrative Law Judge's draft decision on the merits in this proceeding will be released on June 3, 2005, unless all parties seek an additional delay.

Dated May 4, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ GEOFFREY F. BROWN

Geoffrey F. Brown
Assigned Commissioner

/s/ JOHN E. THORSON

John E. Thorson
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day served the attached Joint Assigned Commissioner and Assigned Administrative Law Judge Ruling on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record by U.S. mail.

Dated May 4, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS
Elizabeth Lewis

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